

Group Memory

CTPAC

June 9, 2004

Next Meeting dates

May have a meeting in six months if warranted.

May hold the meeting in South. Location and date TBA

Desired outcome for next meeting:

Progress reports from work groups.

Recap of anything that has actually been implemented.

Bin List & Great Ideas

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Group Decisions

All decisions made will be double underlined in the body of the notes below.

1. (Date)

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Upshot

These are the assignments made at the meeting. As new ones are added they will be appended to the list. As assignments are completed they will be lined out with a ~~strike through~~, but left on the list. This will provide a running record of assignments made at these meetings.

From 2003 meeting

Ref. #	Who	What	When
1	Hossein		
2	Hossein	Provide an update for the Bentley permit system project at the January meeting; ensure ongoing feedback with industry between now and the January meeting. Convene a small committee to look into industry concerns on the automated permit system. Roll up and share with the group in January..	1/19/04
3	Hossein	Work with Eric to build steering committee roster; announce members E mail the steering committee members to all. Fax to those who provide fax number and do not have e mail.	6/6/03
4	All	If you have not heard from Eric or Hossein by e mail or fax, please contact them to ensure you are added to the distribution list.	6/9/03
5	Hossein	Contact the steering committee and send out	6/6/03

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		meeting notification.	

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Ref. #	Who	What	When
6	Larry	Contact North Region to ensure consistency among the seven heavy haulers...	
7	Larry	Provide Maps workgroup with definitions of the various maps.	
8	All	Anything you want this council to address please let us know.	

Critique from 2003 meeting:

What went well	What Needs Improvement
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sticking to agenda; fast movement. 2. Lot of information brought out. 3. Good open forum. 4. Electronic notes. 5. Facility and lunch. 6. Cooperative environment. 7. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action taken from what we did here – ensure follow up – Hopefully this will get done. 2. Want to know exactly why the Bentley system is going to be safer – many unanswered questions about it. 3.

1. Opening remarks
 1. 1. No layoffs this year at Caltrans – We hope things work out next year as well...
 1. 2. Pressures include resource issues like Bay Bridge cost.
 1. 3. Last 40 months, we have not had a single permit error-caused accident – Thank you.
 1. 4. CT PAC has followed the steps of the previous forums, and seems to be more effective.
 1. 5. There is a sense of far greater cooperation through the CT PAC.
 1. 6. New permit system should be making things faster, safer.
2. Background – how we got here...
 2. 1. First meeting of this group was May 2003.
 2. 2. CT PAC (the Council) enhances cooperation and communication; shares the burden of new policy development to the benefit of all.

2. 3. CT PAC maintains a written record – an institutional memory for the group.
2. 4. Since Last May, organizational structure has been developed. (See tab #3 in the handout)...There have been five meetings of the CT PAC steering committee (The Committee).
3. Issue Resolution framework (tab 3 of the handout)
 3. 1. The working groups are discussing technical issues, and are moving forward with draft policies.
 3. 2. Process we are using has issues and problems. We are wanting to stick to the process, while being flexible.
 3. 3. Still working on the long list of issues from May 03. Working on high priority items, working on policy and implementation.
 3. 4. If you have an interest in any particular aspect of any issue, please contact the work group leader and get involved. Caltrans needs to understand all sides of the issues. Full participation and wide range of views contributes to good understanding of consequences and impacts of policy.
 3. 5. Caltrans intends to be a partner, not an obstacle – their role is unique in that they have responsibility to maintain and operate the transportation system. Safety issues will not be compromised.
 3. 6. Caltrans will work through the process as diligently as possible. Caltrans is very pleased with industry attitude and approach. Team leaders are very interested in moving things forward, making progress.
 3. 7. If there are topics of general interest, we want to know if you want to hear about it...
4. S Williams –
 4. 1. CTA appreciates the CT PAC. We want to keep this process moving forward.
 4. 2. Thank you for your good work.
5. Listing of workgroups and introduction of the leaders. – Vaughn Goodfellow
 5. 1. See handout tab #5.
 5. 2. Complex problems need more people involved, and things take longer. Seems like we took about six months to work the process out.
 5. 3. Issues from last year were prioritized, then work groups were established.
 5. 4. Work groups will take on the work as capacity allows. These are standing committees that will continue to develop proposals and get these issues resolved.
 5. 5. We are not limited to those listed. We want to establish additional work groups.
 5. 6. Steering Committee (Committee) meetings are not closed meetings. Attend and participate if you can. Be a resource. We'd like to give away some of the workgroup chairs. Step on up if you have a particular interest in a particular item. You can't complain if you are not willing to do something about it.
 5. 7. If you have interest, we want to involve you.
 5. 8. Eric Sauer is the chair of the Committee.

5. 9. CT has gone from not wanting to hear from us to working with us.
5. 10. Karla Sutliff has shown real interest in moving things forward.
6. Annual Permits Proposals – Matt Klenske
 6. 1. Today Caltrans is ready to give annual maps, along with a lot of other maps. We need to study these maps and approve them; get them back to Caltrans by July 13.
 6. 2. Hope maps are in use by mid September. Map committee will be established today. Need to get this done by July 13 meeting.
 6. 3. 7,8 AND 9 axel annual permits are down the road.
 6. 4. Draft for the 24-7 policy is not yet ready. Up to 16 wide there is no height limitation on yellow routes.
 6. 5. Green – limited to 14 foot during darkness. Working to move this to 15 foot wide.
 6. 6. Many issues connected – in night time exclusion. Looking to eliminate all the restrictions but width.
 6. 7. Annual permits will be re-issued with new conditions, and will be pro-rated for fees.
 6. 8. All the annuals are dependent on the annual map.
7. Work Group Report - Crane Dolly
 7. 1. Proposal submitted in November 2003 to Caltrans.
 7. 2. CT approved part of the proposal – moving crane dollies up to legal weight.
 7. 3. CT denied extra-legal weight on dollies.
 7. 4. We continue to work with CT to resolve this in near future.
 7. 5. Working through weight transfer issues.
 7. 6. Language from CT was given to us this morning on legal weights. Web site will carry the new policies, and you will be able to see this. Steering committee will be able to advertise the status of proposed policies and implementation dates.
 7. 7. Re-inspection issue needs to be discussed. Inspection forms need to reflect the actual weight and this would require a new inspection and a new inspection report.
8. Work Group Report - Variance Load
 8. 1. Proposed to increase to 18 feet on yellow where there are three or more lanes in one direction. This was denied; there is still room for compromise, and readdress in the future.
 8. 2. Proposed length – have conceptual approval to eliminate length from the CHP escort table unless you impose on opposing lanes in corners...
 8. 3. Height – limit of 17 feet has been conceptually eliminated, unless you cannot stay on your own side of the road to go around obstacles.
 8. 4. Route survey will be required by the hauler to show you can stay on your own side of the road.
 8. 5. Final draft hoped for in July – implementation to follow shortly thereafter.

9. Work Group Report - Dual Lane Loading
 9. 1. Looking for someone to take over the leadership of this work group.
 9. 2. Concern about feasibility of dual lane loading at less than maximum width. This work group has put this aside for now due to competing workload on Caltrans from other work groups.
 9. 3. Committee has tabled its proposals for now.
10. Work Group Report – Tridem –
 10. 1. No additional weight granted for twelve tires vs. eight tires. This is not consistent with vehicle code weight bump.
 10. 2. Want to allow up to 60K lbs on tridem.
 10. 3. Work group working on a compromise for out-of-state haulers to receive additional weight on those tridem groups.
 10. 4. Looking for more united and consistent requirements on extra-legal program.
 10. 5. Hope to be able to use center line for tridem group- this allows 15%.
 10. 6. Weight will be according to axel spacing.
 10. 7. Next step is to determine which bridges can sustain that kind of loading. Hope to implement in a few months.
 10. 8. At this time, we do not want to get involved in re-writing the entire weight chart.
 10. 9. We expect to make tridem annual.
 10. 10.

Three new work groups

11. Maps work group
 11. 1. Rick – chair
 11. 2. Want better maps out –
 11. 3. Maps constantly change – they need re-do after some time frame.
 11. 4. This will need to be a standing committee that can best address what the roads are actually like, what the conditions are.
 11. 5. Focus needs to be on safety.
 11. 6. Scope will be whole map spectrum.
 11. 7. Larry will provide definitions to the group. (see upshot assignment #
12. Fees
 12. 1. Chair – Greg Dineen.
 12. 2. Group may be proposing legislation to keep fees from being streamed into the California State Highway Account. How do we ensure the fees go toward our program?
 12. 3. We are willing to pay for what we get. We want things to continue to improve – service, accuracy. How can fees be increased to cover this?

- 12. 4. Annuals are cheaper to issue, and re cost effective for transporters.
- 12. 5. Electronic permits STARS – people do half the work for CT and they should be compensated.
- 12. 6. TPMS – CT will have more work done by others, and there is a need to increase fees to cover this.
- 12. 7. This work group needs to be established now, and work toward the goal.
- 12. 8. Could involve hi-load and variance fees.
- 13. Manual review
 - 13. 1. Bob Shepard will chair.
 - 13. 2. Currently CT is working on the manual updating. This is a long process.
 - 13. 3. First manual was printed in 1987.
 - 13. 4. Web page is very helpful. Please use it. There is a link on Caltrans home page. Anything related to truck services will get you there. <http://www.dot.ca.gov>
 - 13. 5. Industry can come up with the verbiage just as easily as Caltrans.